

Richard Owen collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Owen, Richard
Title	Richard Owen collection
Date	1859-1945
Extent	0.05 Cubic feet 2 folder
Language	English
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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Richard Owen was born on January 6, 1810 at Braxfield House, Lanarkshire, Scotland. He moved with his brother, David Dale Owen (1807-1860), to New Harmony, Indiana in 1827. He surveyed the Northwest Territory with his brother and was the chair of Natural Science of the U.S. Military Academy for 9 years. In the late 1850's Owen returned to Indiana and began work on the Indiana Geological Survey. He was appointed Indiana State Geologist in 1860. He served as a lieutenant colonel with the 15th Indiana Volunteers and as colonel with the 60th Indiana Volunteers during the Civil War, most notably gaining a reputation for fair treatment of prisoners of war at Camp Morton in Indianapolis. After the war, he became a professor at Indiana University. He was elected the first president of Purdue University in 1872 and served until 1874. He returned to teach at Indiana University and then moved back to New Harmony after retiring. He passed away on March 24, 1890.

Source:

FindaGrave.com. "Richard Owen." *Find a Grave Index*. Accessed August 16, 2016. <http://www.findagrave.com>.

"Richard Owen: Colonel of the 60th Indiana Volunteers." Indiana Department of Administration. Accessed August 12, 2016. <http://www.in.gov/idoa/2783.htm>.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes Richard Owen's fall geological survey notebook from 1859, photocopies of the December 22, 1860 administrator's sale notice for the Dr. David Dale Owen estate, and seven typewritten copies of letters written by Richard Owen to family members from 1860 to 1887 and transcribed and edited by William M. Hepburn in April, 1845. At the time of the transcription, the original letters were in the possession of the Purdue University Libraries.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Purdue University in 1945/05.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2016/08/16 by Laura Eliason. EAD finding aid created 2016/08/16 by Laura Eliason.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

L122: Robert Dale Owen collection

S1037: William Owen letter

S1714: David Dale Owen letter

S3348: Robert Dale Owen correspondence

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Purdue University.

Genre(s)

- Correspondence
- Notebooks, sketchbooks, etc

Occupation(s)

- Geologists

Personal Name(s)

- Owen, David Dale, 1807-1860

Subject(s)

- Geology
- Geology--Indiana
- Surveys